

Membership Working Group Report – 2022 (by Hana Wosk)

During 2022, we have received 19 new household memberships (with bios submitted to the Board for ratification) which totals 42 people, including children! We thank Kathy Brandon for being the official committee member who connected with these new member households and sent their bios to the Board. Lorne Prupas will take over this role starting January 1st. We hope to have many of the new members submit write-ups for 'Getting to Know You' for the Doar and onto the Website. We encourage everyone to take a look at this feature on our website, under the Membership menu, for an opportunity to e-meet many members of our community.

In March we delivered Shelach Manot (Purim gift bags of treats including hamantaschen, chocolates, tea, mandarins) as well as a write-up about the holiday of Purim, to all new members since the beginning of the pandemic. This was initiated due to the fact that we hadn't been able to celebrate Purim together for a couple of years, nor have in-person contact with one another. These were very well received and appreciated.

We also organized and sponsored a new members Kabbalat Shabbat picnic at Jericho beach in August, which was attended by over 50 people, including several families with young children. New members in attendance were introduced. It was also very successful, and we have decided to make it an annual event.

We intend to return to having a special Erev Shabbat dinner to welcome new members each winter and will wait until we receive a recommended Shabbat Soul date from Rabbi Hannah in order to schedule this.

Hana Wosk has stepped down from her role as committee chair for the past several years. Carol Ann Fried will take over the position for now, as a rotating chairperson. We are currently seeking and recruiting new members for our committee which consists of Lorne Prupas, Kathy Brandon, Carol Ann Fried, Pedro Santos, Hana Wosk. Casey Collins is taking a leave to complete his dissertation.